

Obituaries

Mary “Dee” Moat, 75, of Cave Junction died June 9, 2019, in Grants Pass. After 10 years of battling Alzheimer’s disease, she finally lost the fight and went home to be with her heavenly father. Dee was born in Whittier, Calif. in 1943 and grew up in Porterville, Calif. In 1970 she married her husband Bob and they were married for 49 years. In 1976 she and her husband and son moved from Fresno, Calif. to Oregon and lived in Klamath Falls, Malin and Reedsport. While in Klamath Falls, their second son was born. When her husband went back on active duty with the U.S. Air Force they lived in Panama, Maryland and Washington D.C. After retirement they travelled extensively in their RV visiting 33 states and eventually moved to Cave Junction in 2007. Dee had many talents. She was a homemaker, worked for the IRS, was an administrator for a daycare facility, church secretary and coordinator for a senior citizen HUD housing complex. She was active in her community and was always willing to volunteer for countless projects and causes. She is survived by her husband Bob, son Rob (Rene), son Jeffrey (Memorie) and grandson Winter. She also has two brothers Don (Linda) Peterson and Dana (Barbara) Peterson and

several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father and one brother. Internment was at Eagle Point National Cemetery and a Celebration of Life will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Grants Pass, July 20 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Alzheimer’s Association.

George C. Bell was born April 7, 1936 in Hawthorn, Nev. He was the eldest son of George Franklin Bell and Adella Loretta Bush. The Bell family moved to Cave Junction in 1946 when he was 10 years old. George graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 1954 and attended Shasta Community College/College of the Redwoods where he received an Associate of Applied Science degree in agriculture. He also studied animal husbandry. George married Gloria M. Pullen June 14, 1959 and had seven children: George C. Bell, Donald D. Bell, Alice Marie Bell, Debra Foster, Terry Bell, Lorie Smith and Lee Bell. George and Gloria also welcomed into the family Kathy Wadleigh who is considered child number eight. George Bell was a great father, pastor, mentor, and was known as the “all around good guy” in the Illinois Valley. Family was George’s number

one priority. His definition of family was anyone he said was part of the family. This included inviting in over 37 families that needed a roof over their head and it didn’t matter what age, race, or prior background they may have had, he was “Dad.” George worked at Rough and Ready Sawmill as a lumber grader. He had the respect of everyone who worked at the mill, the “old timers and the newbies.” George retired from Rough & Ready in 2001. The entire community came to celebrate with him. The venue where it was held was a standing room only. While working full time at the mill, George was also a pastor and performed many marriage ceremonies for the community members in the Illinois Valley including those of his children and his children’s friends. George’s hobbies including spending time with his family, watching his favorite sport football, roller skating, bowling, collecting stamps, coins, fishing and camping. George loved nothing more than being outdoors doing what he called “enjoying nature.” In his later years, he added golf and going to the casino as a favorite activity. A great father, pastor and mentor to everyone in the community. Family was his number

one priority, and family – his definition of family. A Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, July 5, 2019 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors, 26569 Redwood Hwy, Cave Junction OR 97523. Following the service, we will have a light potluck with snacks/finger foods starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 East River Street, Cave Junction. Everyone is invited to come and bring your favorite snacks/finger foods and to remember George Bell. Private interment at Laurel Cemetery, Cave Junction.



George Bell

Mack Patton was born in Fresno, Calif., to Harry and Rosa Patton, Nov. 24, 1942. He passed peacefully at home June 6, 2019. Mack grew up as a

cowboy, working cattle with his father in California’s Central Valley. He attended Tranquility Union High School, graduating in 1960. He served as a cook in the Air Force from 1962 to 1966. When he returned to civilian life, he went back to cowboy work for a while, then became a welder, working for many companies, including Santa Fe Railroad, Spreckles Sugar Company, Pappas’ Melon Company, and as a boiler operator for the California Paper Board, from which he retired in 1999. After retirement, he moved to Cave Junction, where he lived for the rest of his life. Mack loved life, and had a passion for travel, hunting and fishing. He was a story teller, and enjoyed sharing his many tales with all. Mack had a twinkle in his eyes, and a wicked sense of humor. He always liked a good joke or prank. Mack loved a good meal and enjoyed dining out. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather. Mack was preceded in death by his sister, Sally MacDonald, and his wife of 45 years, Rosalie (Nin) Patton in 2017. He is survived by his wife, Diane Patton of Cave Junction; his 4 children, Ben Patton of Fresno, Calif., Sandra Barker of Klawok, Ala., Jacqueline Schultz of Fresno, Calif., and Jennifer

Clawson of Pocatello, Idaho; and his five step-children, Susan McFarland, of Canyonville, Ore., Johnny Gwinnup of Loveland, Colo., Danny Gwinnup of Rozet, Wyo., Kristen Noer of Kingman, Ariz., and Charity Schattschneider of Grants Pass, Ore. His legacy also includes 32 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. For those who knew and loved Mack, a celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Senior Center in Cave Junction. A dish to share would be welcome. Soft drinks and eating utensils will be provided. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Mesothelioma research would be appreciated.



Mack Patton

Letters to the editor

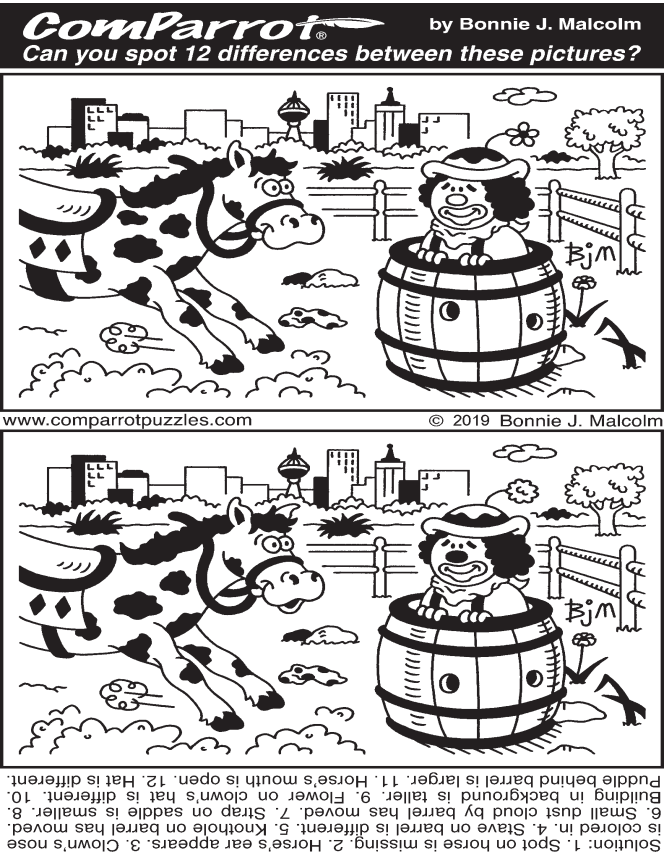
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Reader happy with article Thank you for the front page story about our play “Waiting for Andy” last Wednesday. We had a nice turn out and several people mentioned finding out about it due to your coverage. The play was well received and there was good conversation at both the question and answer session afterwards at a table in the library where we also ate homemade cake and drank juice. Tristan Stocker was there and was engaging and congenial. We would like everyone to know how

impressed we were with Tristan’s story. He went to several sources to get the facts right. Such dedication to detail and truth is impressive. All in all, he is a nice guy, a fine reporter and a credit to both the Illinois Valley and your newspaper. **Jay & Judy Eklond Cave Junction** **Reader appalled by treatment of children** Let my people go For years I’ve listened as American’s government props up fascist dictators in Central America arming Death Squads. Now people in desperation flee the repression. They come here

seeking freedom. Today thousands of little children are being held in detention in filthy warehouses in overcrowding and sickness, not allowed outdoors - 300 in a room meant for 100 – no windows – no soap – not even a toothbrush and no parent. Is this our great America? It makes me scream in horror. Our rulers are inhumane monsters. They have no mercy. We are a human earth family. Free our children! Please do something – anything and please pray for these children **Shalom, Mrs. Peno Cave Junction**



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Save the date

June 29 **Historic Hathkapasuta Illinois River Celebration** Sat. June 29, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. Illinois River Forks State Park, ¼ mile south of Cave Junction. Free event, Free parking, playful arts and nature Experiences for the whole family, Native Elders speak about the salmon, live music with Statement, Galxsee and Quincy Davis. Headliner: Mista Chief & Rising Buffalo Tribe, Hands-on History and Nature Exhibits – fun games and crafts, food vendors, Arts & Crafts, Oregon Caves Bouncy House & Dragon Jolly Jumper Course, Recycled Raft Race – for details call Jill at 541-415-6699 Parade of Puppets, All ages invited to join in!! Meet at the tipi at 2 p.m. Brought to you by CEEN (Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network) This is an alcohol and drug-free event For information on the event or to be a vendor call 541-291-8860. ***“Cave Junction Lions Club, “All Wheels Show”** 20th Anniversary All Wheels Show June 29, 2019, Gates open at 7am, Show at noon, Jubilee Park, DJ music, vendor booths, food trucks, breakfast and lunch available for purchase, 50/50 and raffle drawing. For more information, contact Nina Horsley 541-592-9243 or Ruth Overholser 541-415-1114.

July 15 - Aug. 18 ***SUN School returns!** SUN School is a child-centered experiential nature camp for Illinois Valley elementary children held each summer at Rusk Ranch Nature Center in Cave Junction. Camp runs for four weeks, July 15 - August 18: “Sun Tribe” kids gather Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am-2pm (grades 1-3), and “Adventure Club” campers convene Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-2pm (grades 4-8). Investigate the forest, explore the river, grow your Science Brain, and creatively merge art, theatre, and nature! This year our focus is “Animals” (especially the underappreciated tiny critters) with weekly themes of Homes, Eats, Babies, and Stayin’ Alive. Pre-registration required (sorry, no drop-ins). Registration is now 100% online at RuskRanchNatureCenter.org. Please register early, as enrollment is limited. Sliding scale fees make SUN School as affordable as possible. More information through Facebook (SUN School in IV), email (SUNSchoolAtRusk@gmail.com), or phone (call Kaci 541-415-4228). **July 19-21** ***The 27th Annual Southern Oregon Kite Festival** will be held July 19th, 20th and 21st in Brookings, OR. This popular event is free

and fun for all ages! Festivities will kick off Friday evening, July 19th, at 7 p.m., with an indoor kite flying demo in Brookings-Harbor Azalea Middle School gym. On July 20th and 21st, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., see nationally and internationally renowned kite flyers perform amazing routines choreographed to music on the kite field at the Port of Brookings-Harbor. Weekend activities also include free children’s kite building workshops and vendors selling eats, treats, and merchandise for the enjoyment of festival attendees. Free parking and free shuttles to the kite festival field are provided. Visit www.sokf.org or write info@sokf.org for more information. **July 24** ***Southern Oregon Veterans Stand-Down and Employment Fair**, Wednesday, July 24th 2019 10:00 am to 2 p.m., VA SORCC “BASEBALL STADIUM” 8495 Crater Lake Hwy., White City, Oregon, CLOTHING needed! Donation Drop Off Sites: RVVCO 601 N. Grape St., Medford & American Legion Medford Post 15, 100 E. Jackson St., Medford, For a ride call De at 541-944-3741, Employers – DMV Services – Mental Health Services – Oregon Legal – VA Eligibility – VA Homeless Programs – Medical Services – Veterans Benefits Office – Free Haircuts – Lunch and refreshments – And much more, For more information please contact Pete Pringle at 541-414-7247 peter.j.pringle@oregon.gov or Bob Huff (541) 601-9283 huffe4@aol.com.

Thank you for your service! **Aug. 21** **Beat the Heat!** Tickets now available for our 3rd annual Beat the Heat event. Relax at home and watch the drawing live on our Illinois Valley Family Coalition Facebook Page August 21 at 12:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 each We have LOTS of Amazing gift baskets that will be raffled off Live! You do not need to watch to win. Baskets and Pictures will be available to view on our Facebook starting June 1st. For more information or tickets. Call Karen Yanase or Jenn Searle at 541-592-6139 Or check out our Facebook site www.facebook.com/Illinoisvalleyfamilycoalition. All proceeds stay here in the Illinois Valley to help local residents in need! **Ongoing** **Healing Hearts and Hooves (HHH)** is now accepting new students and volunteers! Classes are on Sundays Next class is June 30. (Please check with HHH about Sunday dates.) Class times are 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Located at August Moon Farm in Cave Junction. For student and volunteer registration please call Renee at 541-659-8604. ***Cave Junction Homeless Alliance (CJHA) Meetings** Sunday, 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick of the Forest, W. River St.

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